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TYPE OF DECLARATION

This declaration is for a utility patent application.

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TITLE OF INVENTION

STRAIGHT POLARITY METAL CORED WIRES

SPECIFICATION IDENTIFICATION

The specification	
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was filed on	and has U.S. Application Number
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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identifi specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information, which is material to patentability as defin in 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56.

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